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Title : Need to open a Railway Ticket Booking Counter in Kandi Municipality area of Murshidabad district, West Bengal.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BERHAMPORE, WEST BENGAL): Railways have been considered as a potent component of infrastructural development and amenities of passengers should be the integral part of railway development as have been pronounced in the Budget also. But large parts of district Murshidabad comprising a population of 58 lakh have been left outside the ambit of railway services, i.e., passengers used to buy ticket well in advance keeping in view of their scheduled date of journey by travelling 42-50 kilometers to the nearest railway station. A proposal was mooted by Kandi Municipality in Murshidabad district to open a ticket-booking counter in its area for the local population of Kandi sub-division who are frequently availing railway services. Even the Kandi Municipality in its proposal has expressed its desire to provide the required land, accommodation, and charges for electricity, but so far no action has been taken by railway authority, reasons best known to them.

So, I would request the Ministry of Railways that a railway booking counter should be established in the same Municipality which may ultimately help to mitigate the sufferings of the local population as they will no longer be required to collect tickets by travelling long distance.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shrimati Pratibha Singh - not present